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The habit which was castigated many, many times during the campaign season is posing a huge worry for some while other's see Trump's tweets simply as a huge amusement.

From issuing statements on foreign affairs to taking critics to task, President-elect Trump's tweets have become a window into the thoughts of the new leader.

South Korea has created a new position in its foreign ministry dedicated to monitoring President-elect Trump's tweets. Their intention? To attempt to pin-point the US president-elect's policies in volatile north-east Asia.

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The JoongAng Daily reported that an officer was assigned the task of following Trump's tweets because the Korean government "is still in the process of building ties with Trump and does not have a lot of insight into his foreign policies – like most of the world"

They say that Trump's "140-character posts are currently the most effective insight into policies of the incoming administration."

Trump recently tweeted a rebuttal of the proclamations given by Kim Jong-un, the North Korean dictator, in his New Year address where he

said that his regime was close to being able to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead to targets in the United States.



President-elect Trump had unequivocally tweeted that "It won't happen!";

"North Korea just stated that it is in the final stages of developing a nuclear weapon capable of reaching parts of the U.S. It won't happen!"

The tweet served as the first glimpse the South Korean government received on President-elect

Trump's attitude towards North Korea's weapons of mass destruction programmes.

The foreign ministry's new tweet compiler allegedly passed the message on to Yun Byung-se, the South Korean foreign minister. A spokesman for the ministry later dubbed it "a clear warning" from the incoming President to North Korea.

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South Korea certainly seems amenable to this new method of executing foreign policy at least more so than China which has already criticized President-elect Trump for his tweets.

Some of Trump's recent tweets touched on issues like the territorial dispute in the South China Sea, which is a very touchy subject for China. On Monday President-elect Trump tweeted;

"China has been taking out massive amounts of money & wealth from the U.S. in totally one-sided trade, but won't help with North Korea. Nice!"

China's reply to the President-elect's tweets was voiced in an article headlined "An obsession with 'Twitter foreign policy' is undesirable". The article contained such succinct points as;

"Everyone recognises the common sense that foreign policy isn't child's play, and even less is it like doing business deals,"



It is, however, doubtful that even China's strong reprimand will stay President-elect Trump's twitter fingers so more countries might like to go South Korea's route and just make the best of it.

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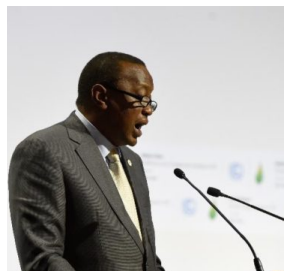
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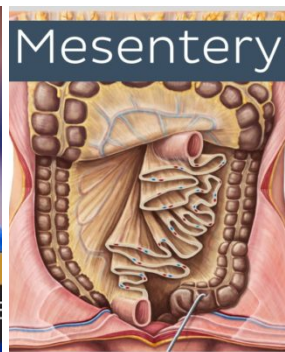
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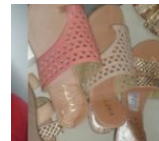
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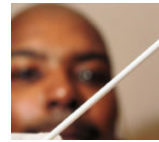
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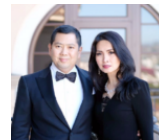
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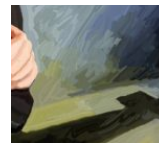
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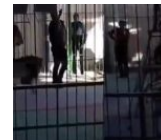
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